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Letter dated 18 July 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing upon the instruction of my Government following the debate in the meeting of the Security Council on 13 July 2000.

My Government is dismayed and deeply disappointed by the fact that there was no clear condemnation in the debate of the ethnic cleansing and terror conducted by the terrorist so-called Kosovo Liberation Army against the Serbs, Turks, Roma, Muslims and other non-Albanians in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia.

Putting one's head in the sand, flouting responsibility and pandering to the policy of *fait accompli* have characterized the debate also on this occasion. Instead, resolve to take vigorous concrete measures to eradicate terrorism, organized crime and a systematic violation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 in Kosovo and Metohija was what was called for and what should have been the order of the day.

I take the opportunity to recall that conditions do not allow for holding elections in Kosovo and Metohija. The interests of peace, stability and a political solution enjoin another sequence of moves: implementation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), ensurance of security to all residents of Kosovo and Metohija, demilitarization and disarmament of the terrorist so-called Kosovo Liberation Army, return of the expellees, deportation of foreign nationals and an agreement on a political solution to be followed by elections.

Regrettably, the debate bore out this time the domination of those actors in the Security Council that support separatism and terrorism, as well as the policy of *fait accompli*. Such a policy also serves to erode the authority of the Security Council, the organ of the United Nations, whose primary responsibility is to safeguard international peace and security.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will not consider itself bound by the effects of that policy and will deem all decisions contrary to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and its sovereignty and territorial integrity null and void.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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